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Village Board

Gregory Deemie, Mayor

Bruce King, Deputy Mayor

Richard Balles, Trustee Clark Giblin, Trustee John Walker, Trustee

Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 5:30pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Municipal Building, 243 Main Street, Johnson City

Present: Gregory Deemie, Mayor
 Bruce King, Deputy Mayor
 Richard Balles, Trustee
 Clark Giblin, Trustee
 John Walker, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Cheryl Sacco, Legal Counsel
 Cindy Kennerup, Clerk/Treasurer
 Dai Korba, Grant Writer
 Chris Waters
 Naima Kradjian

Mayor Deemie called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted the fire exits.

Naima Krajian, Goodwill Theatre, discusses upcoming projects she has going on.

- Binghamton Fund proposals due on January 19th.
- Goodwill Theatre was never awarded \$5 million in Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Counsel. Was recommended, but never awarded. Can still be awarded money by second tier proposal to URI and/or Binghamton Fund or could give it in two pieces. She will present two proposals by January 19th. One to URI and one to GBF
- She would like to request letter of support for proposals from the Village of Johnson City.
- Properties she has purchased or will be purchasing on Broad Street. They have gone out of their way to make sure that all three sides of the project will be attractive. The large building would replace the old EJ medical building where there offices are now. Holds 300 foot thrust stage (horseshoe stage with audience around it). The old pharmacy building will be right across from this.

- They want to make sure they can accommodate conference and symposiums for the pharmacy and nursing schools.
- They are going to call it a conference center and performing arts center.
- They would like to be an evacuation center on this side of the river. They can be an information center, distribute supplies, etc.
- Concept designs are firm and they could hit dates if they are awarded money from the state.
- They have done studies on available parking within walking distance and there is 400 parking spaces. They have talked to the University and hospital about using their parking areas for their parking and they are amenable to that.
- On Willow all the water that comes down goes into street and they want to get the water away from the building.
 - The engineers have talked to Bob Bennett.
 - They are looking to get money for drainage work from Donna Lupardo, but would like to ask for funding along with the Village.
- Would like to complete firehouse building, all three floors, basement, two performance floors and the center section/conference sections. Northside of Goodwill Theatre building and the entire expansion of the building, but would not restore the Goodwill Theatre building itself. That would be money raised later.
- \$14 million would go to restore the entire firehouse; conference rooms, rehearsal room, studio space, educational space, basement, all three floors and demolishes corner building and opens an artist house for the artists coming in and could be rented by other art groups.
- The \$5 million they have received has come from donations, grants and has been used to acquire properties, stabilize, demolish, remediation in Goodwill Theater building and firehouse.
- They do not need a resolution, just a letter of support.
- There would be a charge to BU to use space, just as with everyone unless they will have parking agreement.
- If we could let her know whether we are amenable by the 4th before the meeting with Donna Lupardo.

Dai Korba discusses the iDistrict versus BOA.

With regard to the Greater Binghamton Fund:

- She is building a database of all parcels included.
- Awaiting numbers from Zombies property's clerk about existing vacant properties.
- She has not had any luck getting costs on the projects because of the holidays.
- Trying to get in with head of DOT regarding the Main Street projects. The DOT may be willing to partner with the Village.
- Empire State Development told her there is no match for streetscape.
- She is putting together all the applications that have gone in for Main Street for the Johnson City façade project. We are asking for 75% and the business owners would pay 25%. We would be the umbrella for the project and we would be the administrators.

- New York State said they are unlikely to fund individual properties that are looking for façade work. They prefer to have the municipality submit.
- Broome County Planning has offered to assist and any awardees will be given assistance through URI for planning work will be provided by Bergman.
- 2 classes from BU at department that focus on architectural history will be doing work in our iDistrict this spring.
- Work group will be asking questions about our proposals for two months afterwards. Anything not included they will allow us to add it on as we go.
- Suggested to submit all phases for rehab projects in case we don't get all the money from Restore.
- We will know about Restore New York before we will know about the \$20 million, which we will hear about in May.
- We have discussed adding artistic looking bus shelters. We can add Wi-Fi hotspots. The company that we were looking at said they would pay half.
- First Ward Action Counsel could potentially match funding. They are looking at buying and rehabbing North and North Broad.

The Mayor confirms this is the path we will take and we will discuss everything at the meeting on the 16th.

Attorney Sacco Frank Evangelisti at the meeting mentioned that the County may have money to make the design guidelines and the historic match.

Chief Dodge discusses Jay Vandermark who will be transferring. He was still on probation and wasn't eligible until November. He was recommended by retired officers. He is the current head of DPW for the Village of Deposit and works part-time for the Village of Deposit PD and has for three years. He also works part time for the Village of Balta PD. He has some experience and a background check was done on him. He is a good family man with good character. We will be filling the 36th spot that was approved in this year's budget in June. Once we have him we will be up to full staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

A motion to enter executive session at 6:33pm to discuss ongoing investigation made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:05pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

A motion to enter executive session at 7:14pm to discuss the Clerk/Treasurer's contract made by Trustee Balles and seconded by Trustee King. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit the executive session at 7:29pm was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee Walker. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor discusses the Agenda and Resolutions.

The County Executive is having his press conference regarding Lester Avenue January 11, 2018 @ 1:00pm in the training room or at Lester Avenue weather permitting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm.

Cindy Kennerup
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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